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FOR : HYBRID VEHICLE AND HYBRID VEHICLE  
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In conformance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(1), the reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 is hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, a copy of the reference is submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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